

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 4, 2001 (BOS Mtg. 12/18/01)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Speed Limit Provisions – Kings Villa (Villa Way)

ISSUE

Mr. Jim Bohlken has submitted a petition (copy attached) signed by twenty-one (21) residents of the Kings Villa subdivision requesting that Villa Way be included in the \$200 additional-fine-for-speeding program. Mr. Bohlken indicates that Villa Way is the primary concern of the residents because it serves as the main collector street that runs the length of Kings Villa and also provides access to the new McDonald Bluffs subdivision. In addition, Mount Vernon Elementary School is accessible via Villa Way. Mr. Bohlken has initiated this petition because Kings Villa does not have an active homeowners association.

CONSIDERATIONS

In 1996 the Commonwealth Transportation Board adopted a policy and procedures for the installation of signs advising of a maximum \$200 penalty for exceeding the posted speed limit on certain residential streets. These procedures require that a formal request for establishment of the \$200 fine provision be submitted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. To qualify, a street must meet the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) definition of “local residential” or “residential collector” prescribed in the policy and must have a posted speed limit of 35 MPH or lower. The policy includes definitions intended to encompass only those streets that are predominantly residential in nature and also requires that residential units face the street and have driveway connections to it. The Board’s request to VDOT for establishment of the restrictions must identify the specific road segments to be covered, confirm that the segments meet the definitions, note that a speeding problem exists, and document that the increased penalty has community support. If the request is approved, VDOT will install the necessary regulatory sign. Since 1997 the Board has adopted resolutions requesting VDOT to designate over forty (40) streets in County neighborhoods for the \$200 speeding fine.

The Sheriff’s office recently conducted selective speed enforcement in this area, resulting in the issuance of nine (9) citations for traveling at least 10 MPH over the posted limit. Villa Way is a “local” residential street with residential driveways and a posted speed limit of 25 mph, therefore meeting the established VDOT criteria for designation.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board endorse the request for the establishment of the increased penalty provisions through the adoption of Resolution No. R01-228 and forward it to VDOT with a request for approval.

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Attachments

- Petition to add a \$200.00 fine sign to Villa Way
- Area Map
- List of previously-approved \$200 additional fine roads
- Proposed Resolution No. R01-228